

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education  
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021  
Willow Springs School Library**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Weeg, Bohac, Hawkins and Anderson  
Administration: Superintendent Bahn & Principal Oreluk

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Mary Ellen Weeg.

**Public Comment**

Community members are invited to share their questions, comments or concerns with the school Board. When speaking, citizens should state their name and address for the record and limit their presentation to three minutes. All comments are a matter of public record and as such will be documented and recorded. Where possible, the Board will answer factual questions immediately. A written response may be provided when information is not available. If a response would involve discussion of board policy or decisions which might be of interest to citizens not present at the meeting, the Board may place the item on a future meeting agenda.

Additionally, board policy 2:230 permits the Board President to shorten a person's opportunity to speak. "The President may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject." (2:230)

Community members: Mary Jane Mannella(320 Forest Ave) and Cindy Pena(114 Willow Blvd)  
Teachers: Ann Musto and Michelle VonBank  
Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly; Attorney Tom Melody from Klein Thorp & Jenkins  
Valerie Wacker took the minutes.

Mary Jane Mannella asked the Board not to pass the Levy. She said it would be a nice demonstration showing the community that the Board was listening and heard them. Though if the Board does pass the Levy, she requests that they use the funds towards conflict resolution. She also mentioned that she has no affiliation with Dave Patterson. On an ending note, she would like to run at the next election to be on the Board.

The superintendent stated that the Board will not be approving the Levy tonight. It will be voted on at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. He appreciated her input.

**Board/Superintendent Announcements**

Superintendent Bahn stated he will have updates regarding COVID tomorrow and will notify the community. He also arranged to have Shields come to the school and do free COVID testing for anyone in the community related to our students.

**Financial Report and Tax Levy Discussion**

The financial reports for the months of October were in the packets. Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly presented the report and answered all questions. He also walked the Board through the Levy stating if we don't approve the Levy then we lose these funds forever. Nick answered all questions. The Board will vote on the Levy at the December Board meeting.

## Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

**Motion 22-042 by Weeg, seconded by Hawkins as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda.**

### **Consent #1**

A copy of the Regular Board Meeting October 28, 2021 minutes were in the packet.

**The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 28, 2021.**

### **Consent #2**

**The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the bills in the amount of \$245,753.01 (7b), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$136.00 (7c) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$52,081.06 (7d) for the month of November 2021.**

### **Consent #3**

**The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report for the month of October 2021. Fund balances: Educational: \$4,744,650; Operations & Maintenance: \$242,346; Debt Service: \$875,414; Transportation: \$654,604; IMRF: \$189,425; Capital Projects: 147,825; Working Cash: \$537,075; Tort: \$38,509; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$5.**

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Bohac, Hawkins, and Anderson**

## Item 8 Action Items

The superintendent included a few documents in the packets including the updated policy that will be submitted to ISBE after the Board approval. Revisions to this policy have been made based on new guidance from ISBE. The policy will be posted on the school website and included within the Student Handbook.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the updated Bullying Policy for Willow Springs School District 108.

**Motion 22-043 by Anderson, seconded by Bohac as recommended by the Superintendent for the approval of the updated Bullying Policy for Willow Springs School District 108.**

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Bohac, Hawkins, and Anderson**

## Item 9 Presentations/Committee Reports

### 9A Principal's Report

Principal Oreluk reported:

Started "Caught Being Good!" to promote positive school culture. The students earn Golden Tickets to put into raffle prize bags. They earn the tickets by wearing their mask properly; being respectful or helping others and our school. Prizes could be a stuffed animal, wireless headphones, Cubs or Bears memorabilia, to choose the music in the lunchroom on a Friday, Principal or Special Ed Director for the day!

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The staff had over 250 conferences which were a combo of in-person and Zoom meetings.

Student and Staff are in the process of voting on a Wolverine mascot name: Springer, Willy or Wrigley.

The principal started a Spirit Wear Shop to brand our school with our new Wolverine logo. There are a variety of items with a range of different pricing.

The superintendent added that it's all about the students buying into the program. He talked to a student that had an issue on the bus. After talking to the student, the student said to him "Maybe I could get a Gold Ticket"

## **Item 10 Information/Discussion Items**

### **10A AERO Updates**

Micki Bohac reported:

The Governing Board approved the Executive Director's (Dr. Gunell) employment contract for the 2022-23 school year.

The Governing Board approved the process of implementing an Associate Executive Director search for the 2022-23 school year.

Not all member districts have plans for CPI training. The ones that have will not do the actual hands on training this year due to COVID. Meghan Litko, Stephanie Caldwell and Sean Masterton went to the CPI training and then they will train the Willow staff.

AERO broke ground on the new AERO facility, have all their licenses in place and will continue all winter (weather permitting).

Willow Springs School was visited by Dr. Robert Sabatino and his team from the South Cook Intermediate Service Center (Region 7) on Thursday, November 4, 2021 for the annual Health/Life Safety Inspection. The superintendent is thrilled to share that he received the report, which he included in the packet, which indicates no violations were observed. This is the second consecutive year that Willow Springs 108 has received a perfect report from this agency. The superintendent would like to thank Mr. Dan Dickman and the entire Willow Springs custodial staff for their continued efforts to the safety, security, and cleanliness of our facilities. In addition, he would like to thank the entire staff for their assistance and cooperation in keeping the school safe and secure for our students.

### **Item 10B Willow Springs Leadership Team Update**

The first meeting as a newly formed leadership team met last week on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. A total of 15 individuals make up this group, and there is a nice diversity of staff members that spread throughout the building and include a variety of different roles. This group will meet at least once a month this school year and will work collaboratively to review and analyze data, investigate research based strategies, and create continuous improvement plans for the future of Willow Springs School. They will meet two more times before Winter Break. The two teachers at the Board meeting, Ms. Musto & Ms. VonBank are a part of this team.

### **Item 10C Willow Springs 108 Spirit Wear Store**

The principal has worked with staff and students over the past several months to refresh the school mascot, colors, and now spirit wear for students, staff, and parents. The superintendent included information of the new store in the packet.

## **11 Communications/Correspondence**

### **11A Desplaines Valley News – AERO Facility Ground-Breaking Ceremony**

The superintendent included an article in the packet regarding the ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the new AERO facility.

**Item 12 Upcoming Events/Activities**

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Boys’ Basketball @ Pleasantdale  
Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November, 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break – No School  
Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Boys Basketball @ Home  
Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Boys Basketball @ Home  
Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mid-term  
Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – School Improvement Day – 11:30 student dismissal  
Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Boys Basketball @ Home  
Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Boys Basketball @ Home  
Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Boys Basketball @ Washington  
Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Boys Basketball @ Home  
Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Boys Basketball @ McClure  
Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education Meeting

**Item 13 Items For Next Agenda**

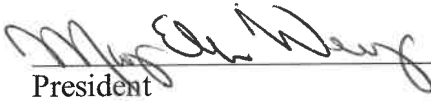
Adoption of the 2021 Tax Levy

**Item 14 Closed Session**

Closed session was not needed.

**Item 167 Adjournment**

**Motion 22-044: Adjournment at 7:19 pm**  
**Motion made by, Weeg Seconded by Anderson**  
**Hearing no objections so moved.**

  
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President

  
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Secretary